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Conservation the Idaho Way: Sowing the Seeds of Stewardship



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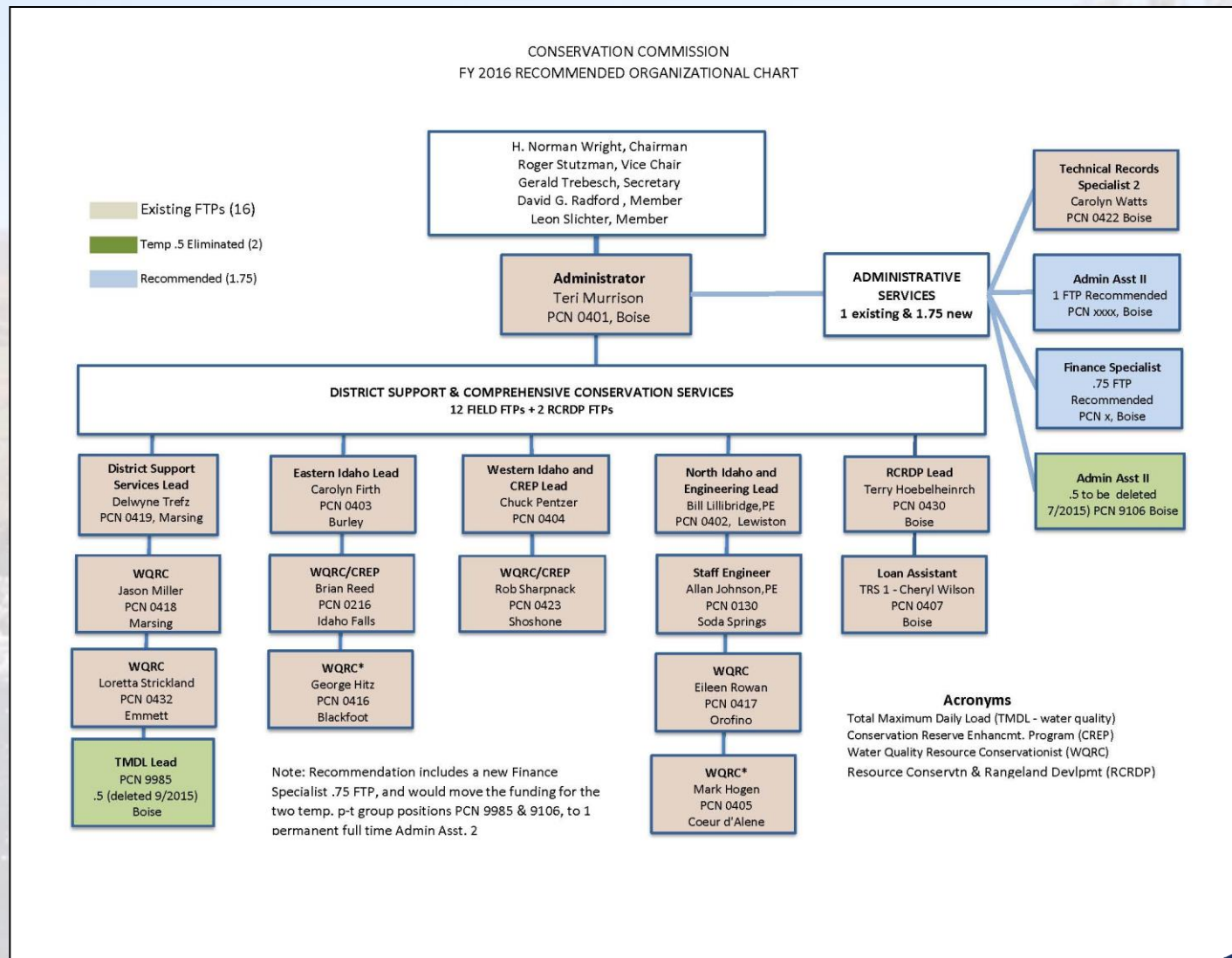


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CORE FUNCTIONS

Technical & Other Support Services

- Technical & capacity building assistance
- Distribute trustee and benefit funding

Conservation Programs

- Incentive-based
 - CREP, RCRDP
- General programs
 - TMDL, Ground Water, etc.

Administration

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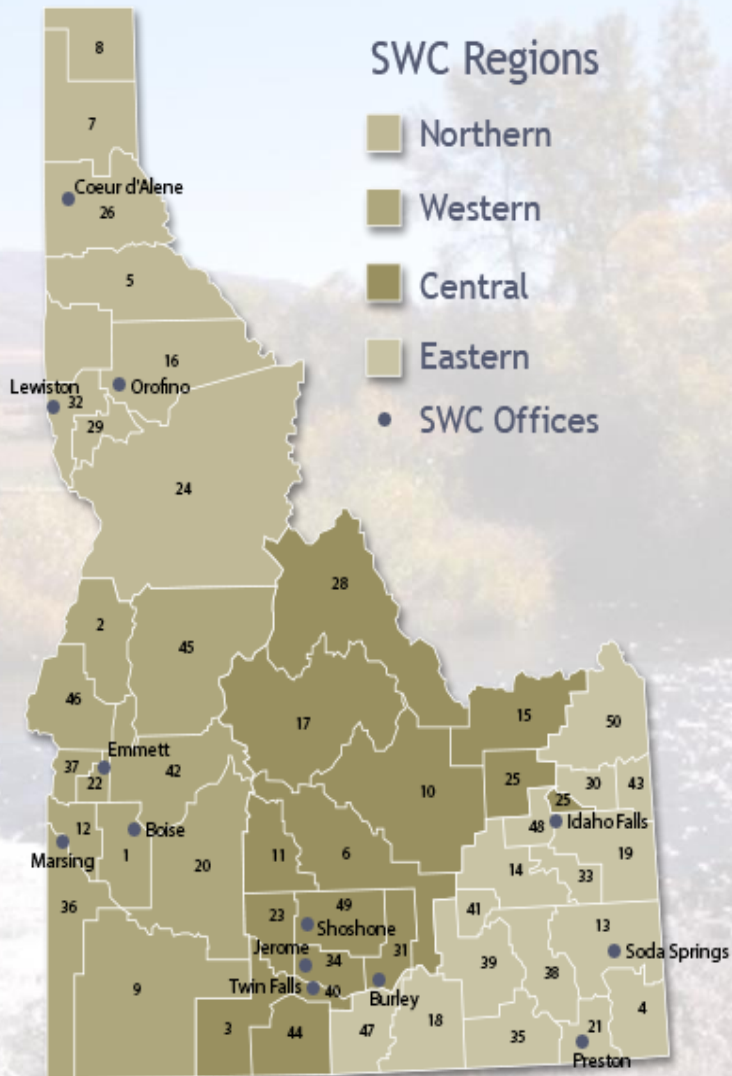


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Program/Services	Status
District Support (incl. technical and comprehensive, and allocations)	Priority
Conservation Programs (incentive)	
Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Program (RCRDP)	Priority
State Revolving Fund	Priority
Water Quality Program for Ag (WQPA)	Inactive
Conservation Improvement Grants	Inactive
Working Landscapes	Inactive
Conservation Programs (comprehensive)	
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	Priority
Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plans	Priority
Idaho Ag Pollution Abatement Plan	Updated in FY 2015
Idaho Groundwater Quality Plan	Maintenance of effort
Idaho OnePlan	Maintenance of effort
Watershed Improvement Districts	Maintenance of effort
Carbon Sequestration	Inactive
Administration (includes agency management & reporting, transparency, partner participation, communication, collaboration, etc.)	Priority

CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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- 2 Adams
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- 4 Bear Lake
- 5 Benewah
- 6 Blaine
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- 8 Boundry
- 9 Bruneau River
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FY 2015

Allocated funding: \$ 1,203,200

Technical Assistance: 10,858 hrs. req.,
5,326 awarded

DISTRICT SUPPORT



- Water quality
- Ground water - nitrates reduction
- Riparian restoration
- Species conservation
- And more

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BEAR RIVER/WHISKEY CREEK PROJECT



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WHAT IT WAS



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WHAT IT IS



Commission Engineer
Allan Johnson

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RCDP LOAN PROGRAM

FY 2014

- 92 outstanding loans
- \$3,814,595
- 12 loans approved last year

Celebrating 75 Years Conserving the Idaho Way

LOW INTEREST LOANS FOR IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

Sprinkler Irrigation, No-Till Drills, Fences
Livestock Feeding Operations
Solar Stock Water Pump Systems

2.5%-3.5%
Terms 7-15 Years
Up to \$200,000



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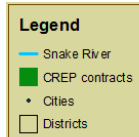
CREP in FY 2014

156 Contracts, 16,792
acres enrolled
Conserved:

- 66,916 AF water, serving 330,000 people
- 134,000 T soil erosion reduced
- ~4.5 million #s fertilizer not applied



Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)



FSA Office	# Contracts	Acres
Bingham	58	6,917
Bonneville	3	200
Cassia	5	2,223
Gooding	1	73
Jefferson/Clark	20	1,773
Jerome	7	579
Lincoln	3	238
Minidoka	58	4,592
Power	2	598
Twin Falls	1	43
Grand Total	158	17,237

*The CREP contracts displayed on this map are only approximate locations of contracts and are not intended to be used to identify specific locations of CREP enrolled fields.

Completed plans

99 (6 in 2014)

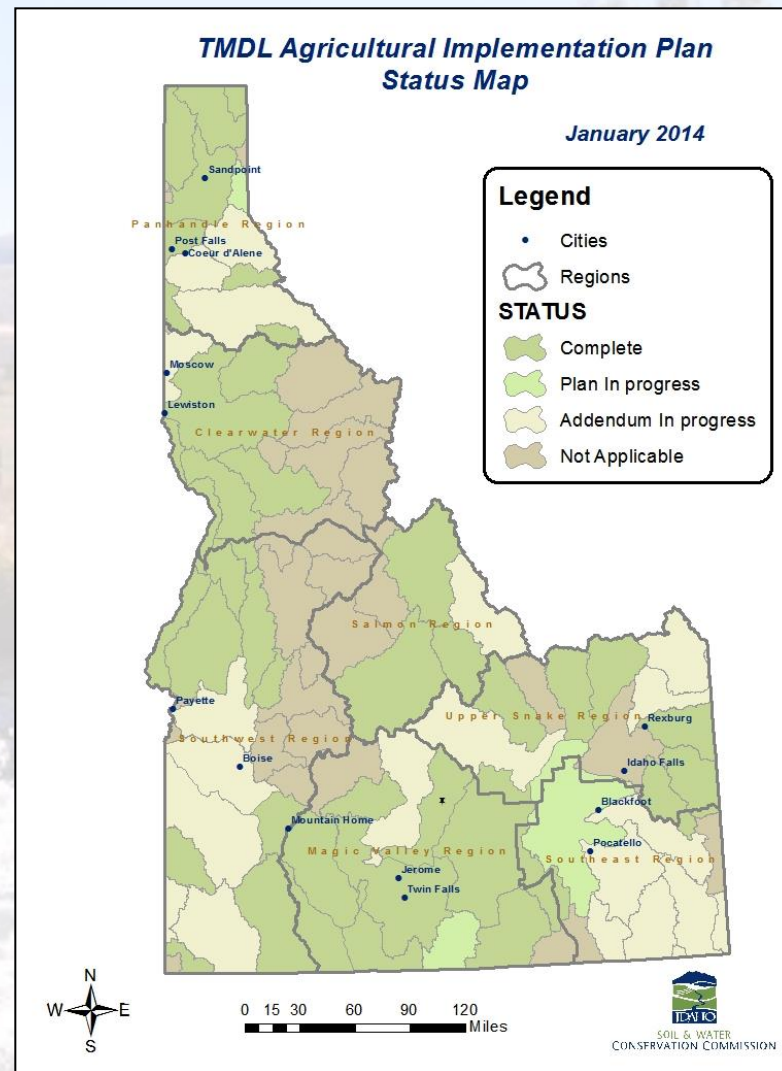
Plans in progress

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TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

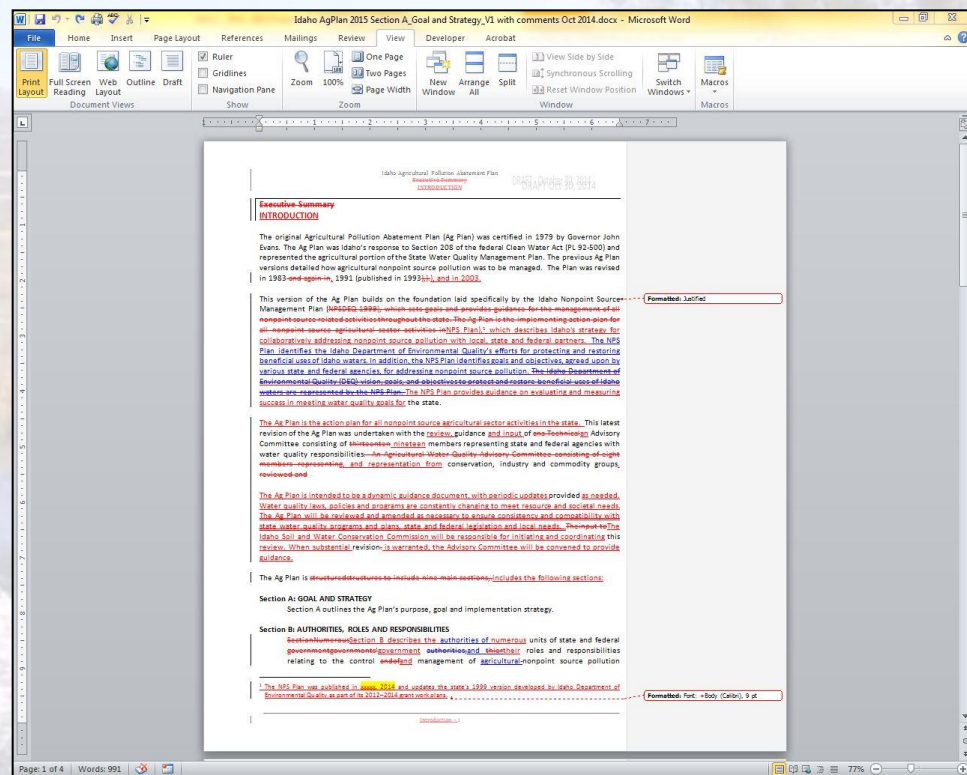
Plans pending review,
addendums

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AG PLAN UPDATE

19 stakeholders
Certified by Governor by 7/1



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Legislative District 28 Chairman Ken Andrus

- Portneuf SWCD
- Power SWCD

Power Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information:
The Power Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1948. The Snake River is the dominant water feature. Rockland Valley primary land use consists of dry farming and cattle ranching, while lands west of the Snake River are predominantly irrigated.

Mission (or Function):

- Make available technical and financial assistance for improved erosion control for non-irrigated cropland.
- Monitor and advise NRCS of areas in the Power SCD that need further attention to meet Food Security Act obligation.
- Promote and provide information to improve control of noxious weeds on both public and private lands.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Installed 45 acres of wheel lines.
- Installed 5538 feet of irrigation pipe.
- 177 acres in hay and pasture planting.
- 1 structure for water control.
- 52 acres of irrigation water management.
- 11,575 acres CSTP.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to educate and support youth in natural resources, FFA, poster contest, agriculture in the classroom and water festival.
- Map noxious and invasive weeds to more effectively target weed control efforts.
- Continue to take a proactive approach to funding water delivery systems on irrigated croplands.

Power SCD
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District Documents
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Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1940. The district contains 741,120 acres with about 254,244 acres of privately owned farmland. The topsoil of Bannock County is very erosive and the District assists dryland farmers using a variety of conservation practices including terraces, strip cropping and chiseling and surface residue to capture water in the soil and reduce soil runoff and erosion.

Mission (or Function):

- To coordinate technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resources management that conserve and improves air, soil, and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Partnering with the City of Downey and the Bureau of Reclamation to install an AgriMet Station to determine real-time soil moisture and wind speed, plus other valuable information for the Marsh Creek Project.
- Relocating an existing Animal Feed Operation which was located directly on Hawkins Creek (a tributary to Marsh Creek).
- Reconstruction of the Main and North channels of Pebble Creek. Approximately 3,200 feet of Bonneville Cutthroat Trout have already been found using the newly constructed segment of the stream.
- Fencing off both sides of the newly constructed channel to allow the regeneration of the riparian area.

Future Plans and Projects:

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District Documents
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Information provided by AgriMet stations is available remotely via smart phone or table

State Funding	\$ 32,259
County Funding	\$ 10,000
Local Conservation Partners	\$ 945
Local Funding	\$ 6,788
Total	\$ 49,992

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Legislative District 9 Vice Chair Judy Boyle Representative Ryan Kerby

- Adams SWCD
- Canyon SCD
- Payette SWCD
- Weiser River SWCD

Weiser River Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Weiser River Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1941. Originally the Weiser River SCD included only the area in Washington County drained by the Weiser River. In 1971 the remaining area was annexed into the district.



Mission (or Function):

Adams Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: Organized in 1966 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners and users within the Adams Soil & Water Conservation District boundaries. The District supports diverse land uses, including irrigated and dryland farming, grazing, woodlands, recreation, and urban areas. Each of these land uses presents different conservation challenges.

Mission (or Function):

- Make technical, financial and educational resources available to meet the conservation needs of the local landowner/manager
- Use local knowledge and cooperation to ensure that Idaho's natural resources are conserved for present and future generations
- Provide land users with information on land capabilities and assist them in applying this information

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Completed Little Weiser 319 Project, protecting 11,535 feet of streambank and preventing an estimated 1,100 tons of sediment/year from entering the river.
- Provided 2 students with scholarships to attend the U of I Natural Resources Camp.
- Helped send Council students to FFA Nationals in Tennessee.
- Offered technical assistance to City of Council to stabilize sewer lagoons adjacent to Weiser River.
- Worked with landowners and City of New Meadows to address local flooding issues.
- Co-sponsored the annual Soil Health Symposium with the Payette SWCD and others.

Adams SWCD
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District Documents

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Installed rock bar/willow planting on Little Weiser River project only 7 months after installation.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Provide landowners access to tools and implements, such as pasture aerator, rock drill and water jet stinger.
- Conduct tour of Little Weiser River stream bank projects.
- Apply for another 319 grant from DEQ to complete Phase III of stream bank restoration project on the Little Weiser River.
- Co-sponsor annual Soil Health Symposium.
- Assist with completing agriculture implementation plans for streams which have completed TMDLs.

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	\$ 14,550.00
County Funding	\$ 5,178.00
City Funding	\$ 500.00
DEQ 319 Grant Funding	\$ 41,600.00
Other Funding	\$ 2,000.00
Total	\$ 63,828.00

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Canyon Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: Organized in 1951, the Canyon Soil Conservation District focused on farm-related soil and water problems. Farmers receive help leveling their land, lining ditches, installing irrigation pipelines, developing conservation cropping patterns and learning to utilize crop residues.

Resource Enhancement Project to address high priority natural resource issues identified by TMDLs and Watershed Planning documents.

- Partner with agencies and organizations to seek additional funding with which to address resource concerns.

Payette Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Payette Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1958. The district contains 259,130 acres, of which 147,014 acres are in farmland. Soil erosion associated with irrigation continues to be the main natural resource concern. They continue to provide technical, financial and educational resources to the landowners of the Payette SWCD in an effort to meet their conservation needs in soil, water, and other resources.

Mission (or Function):

Educate the public, teachers, and students about natural resources conservation. Increase public awareness of the importance of conserving their natural resources. Meet state water quality rules, regulation, and requirements. Work with cooperators to plan and implement projects to conserve Soil and Water.

Accomplishments:

Organized the 5th annual educational program in conjunction with the Treasure Valley Natural Show that included a program on soil health principles. Willow Creek TMDL was completed. Installation of a 319 grant for the Lower Ditch Company, including explaining the program, assisting landowners in applying for assistance, ranking projects and providing assistance, and one project was completed. Participants attended the Idaho Center for Agriculture symposium in Nampa.

Future Plans and Projects

- Continue to provide landowner and entities in Payette County with projects to improve water quality in the TMDL-listed Payette and Snake Rivers and their tributaries.
- Administer 319 Grant Middle Snake-Payette Clean Water Project phase 2.
- Organize and present the 6th annual Soil Health Symposium and continue educational programs and outreach.



319 project – Sediment pond on Howard Rynearson property

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	\$ 16,822
County Funding	\$ 2,500
City of Payette	\$ 1,000
City of New Plymouth	\$ 600
Total	\$ 20,922

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District Documents

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Legislative District 7

Representative Shannon McMillan

- Benewah SWCD
- Bonner SWCD
- Clearwater SWCD
- Idaho SWCD
- Kootenai-Shoshone SWCD

Benewah Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Benewah Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1946 and boasts a large agricultural base.

Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1946 and provides voluntary technical and financial assistance to landowners. They have a large rangeland, proper management, and work practices.

Mission (or Function)

- Set high standards for natural resource management.
- Make technical resources available to meet the needs of conservation resources.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Administered the Snake River Basin Adjudication grants implementing forest BMP's to improve water quality, fish passage, and sediment reduction to Class I and II receiving waters of the NF Clearwater River and Lolo Creek watersheds. The forest BMP implementation efforts consisted of forest road obliteration and/or abandonment, culvert upgrades, bridge installations and road blocking.
- Completed forestry BMP's to improve water quality, fisheries and sediment reduction on Whiskey Creek.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Address priority stream resource concerns.
- Provide an investment grade engineering design for a woody biomass renewable energy project in the community.
- To actively coordinate with the County "Hazard Mitigation" team to develop and promote a "Fire Wise Program" and evaluate "Flood Control" measures as well as identify potential land slide locations in the community.

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District Documents

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Idaho Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Idaho Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1946 and provides voluntary technical and financial assistance to landowners. They have a large rangeland, proper management, and work practices.

Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1946 and provides voluntary technical and financial assistance to landowners. They have a large rangeland, proper management, and work practices.

Future Plans and Projects:

- The District continues to work with the Coeur d'Alene Tribes WAG on implementing BMPs and watershed planning. This coordinated effort has led to IDEQ finding extra 319 funds to do projects in Wolf Lodge Creek.
- The District received partial funding for a Western Competitive Grant through Idaho Department of Lands. These funds will be used to fly LIDAR over the Wolf Lodge/Blue/Fernan Creek watersheds to begin assessing conditions and recommend treatments.
- Outreach throughout the community to promote District programs and Western Competitive Grant project efforts.



Forestry BMP's taking old culvert out preparing for new culvert



Rock side channel completed

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	\$ 36,120
Local Funding	\$ 10,000
Corporate Donation	\$ 10,000
Grant Income	\$ 282,197
Foundation Money	\$ 2,500
Other Money - private	\$ 841
Total	\$ 341,658

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Willows and sedges along the lower Coeur d'Alene River

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	\$ 12,229
Idaho Water Resources Board Irrigation Grant	\$ 9,000
319 grant	\$ 33,979
Tree Sales	\$ 7,145
Aquifer Protection District	\$ 1,200
Total	\$ 63,553

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District Documents

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Legislative District 11 Representative Gayle Batt

- Canyon SCD

Canyon Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: Organized in 1951, the Canyon Soil Conservation District focused on farm-related soil and water problems. Farmers receive help leveling their land, lining ditches, installing irrigation pipelines, developing conservation cropping systems and learning to utilize crop residues for better soil and water conservation. Irrigation companies receive help upgrading their canals and diversions along the Boise River.

Mission (or Function):

- Provide quality leadership, information, education, technical assistance and financial assistance for the conservation and wise use of natural resources.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Conservation Technical Assistance was provided to 28 different producers on approximately 270 acres. Included conservation planning and system engineering for improved sprinkler and drip irrigation systems.
- Cost-share provided to 4 BMP implementation projects which treated 95 acres.
- Completed a conservation plan to convert an 18 acre irrigation system from surface to sprinkler.
- Conducted monitoring work with a Canal Company to determine feasibility of installing a sediment basin or pipeline to improve water.
- Participated in and sponsored multiple outreach and education programs serving youth and adults throughout the county.


Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to use 319 grant and other funds to implement irrigation system upgrades to improve water quality.
- Use the Conservation Technical Assistance Program to implement the Canyon SCD

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Resource Enhancement Project to address high priority natural resource issues identified by TMDLs and Watershed Planning documents.

- Partner with agencies and organizations to seek additional funding with which to address resource concerns.
- Promote natural resource conservation through outreach and education programs for youth and adults.



Participants on Water Quality Improvements tour discuss precision irrigation water management techniques.

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funds	\$ 23,772
County Funds	\$ 10,000
319 Grant Funds	\$ 223,918
Newsletter Ads	\$ 1,760
NRCS CTA Grant Funds	\$ 37,000
NRCS Admin. Asst.	\$ 7,500
Total	\$ 303,950

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Legislative District 25 Representative Maxine Bell

- Balanced Rock SCD
- North Side SWCD
- Snake River SWCD
- Twin Falls SWCD

Snake River Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Snake River Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1966. The District boundaries follow the Snake River

Future Plans and Projects:

- Participate with Twin Falls County on Species Cover Crop Project

Twin Falls Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Twin Falls Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1951. Much cropland or grazing land. 100 acres of cropland is irrigated by Canal Company.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Riparian Fencing Project; working with several cooperators to site potential riparian fencing projects along Rock Creek and Cottonwood

North Side Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The North Side Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1946. They assist farmers and residents with soil and water conservation and are now branching out to address other natural resources needs of Jerome County.

Mission (or Function):

- Educate the public and assist landowners in the implementation of sound land management practices, and work towards improvements and preservation of natural resources
- With their long standing relationship with private landowners, they work effectively with federal, state, county and other agencies and organizations

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Worked with several partners to address the water quality in the 100 year old water pumping district by eliminating leaky supply laterals and reduce local energy consumption by eliminating common pump stations. Even though the project was not selected to submit a full team to actively pursue all the required criteria, the North Side Partners worked as a team to actively pursue all the required criteria.
- Sponsored the Natural Resources Camp for campers while providing cabin leaders and staff.
- Conducted a soil judging competition in Jerome County.
- Provided sponsorship and support the annual Envirothon. The Jerome team placed 5th in the state.
- Supplied over 400 trees (all 3rd graders in Jerome County) for Arbor Day tree planting.



Soils Judging Competition



FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	
County Funding	
Total	

North Side SWCD
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Jerome ID 83338

District Documents

www.nswcd.org

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Balanced Rock Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Balanced Rock Soil Conservation District was organized in 1961 to provide educational, technical and financial assistance to local landowners and operators, and conserve soil, water and related natural resources within the District's boundaries. Although cropland provides the majority of income for the District's cooperators, the bulk of the resource base is rangeland or grazing land.

Mission (or Function):

- Help people help the land.
- Provide local leadership to educate and assist the public on the stewardship of soil, water, air, plant and animal resources, and to promote strong conservation partnerships to find practical, economical solutions to natural resource problems and coordinate their implementation.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Conducted monitoring to demonstrate the sediment load reductions being accomplished by constructed wetlands complexes built over the last 10 years.
- Planning and funding has been completed for a constructed wetland complex which will be built on the 39/39A drain north of Filer in 2015.
- Featured the district's Multi-Species Cover Crop Demonstration Project in a display at the Ag Pavilion at the Twin Falls County Fair.
- Sponsored a conservation poster contest for 4th, 5th & 6th grade students and a speech contest for high school students.
- Provided one camper a full scholarship to the U of I Natural Resources Camp.
- Sponsored a wetland education day for Castleford 5th graders.



Water leaving a constructed wetland, having dropped off significant amounts of sediment and other pollutants which would otherwise have degraded downstream surface water quality.

Future Plans and Projects:

- The district will use USDA NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant funds awarded in 2014 to improve soil health by providing cost-share funds to help landowners switch to no-till planters and plant multi-species cover crops. Targets are to use the no-till drill on 1,000 acres and to plant cover crops on 480 acres in western Twin Falls County.
- Construction of a wetland complex on the 39/39A drain will be completed in 2015.

FY 2014 District Funding

State Funding	\$ 20,956.00
County Funding	\$ 7,700.00
Federal 319 Grant Funds	\$ 158,622.00
Total	\$ 187,278.00

Balanced Rock SCD
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Twin Falls ID 83301

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Legislative District 19 & 21

Representative Thomas Dayley
Representative Mat Erpelding

- Ada SWCD

**Ada Soil and Water Conservation District
Fact Sheet**

General Information: The Ada Soil and Water Conservation District has achieved over 60 years of successful conservation implementation and is fully engaged in meeting present day conservation needs. They work cooperatively with area farmers and ranchers and have adapted and evolved to work actively within the urban and suburban areas of the district.

Mission (or Function):

- Pursue and develop new partnerships with groups and organizations interested in promoting the wise use, conservation and enhancement of natural resources in Ada County.
- Lead natural resource planning, conservation, and implementation activities in Ada County.
- Provide conservation education to Ada County residents.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Managed 632 acre foothills conservation easement through partnership with Avimor Planned Community.
- To promote soil health and water conservation, Ada SWCD purchased a No-till drill to be available for lease to Ada and Canyon County by 25 growers to plant 1,256 acres in 2014.
- Co-sponsored the Idaho Center for Sustainable Agriculture Symposium Soils Workshop.
- Sponsored 2 middle school students to attend the U of I Extension Natural Resources Camp.
- Sponsored 4 high school teams to attend and compete in Challis.

Future Plans and Projects:

- The district will use Conservation Innovation Grant funds awarded by USDA NRCS to fund a campaign to advertise natural resources conservation successes in the areas of soil health, cover crops, nutrient management and wildlife habitat improvements.

FY 2014 District Funding:


State Funding	\$ 59,695.00
County Funding	\$ 45,000.00
Avimor Easement Mngmnt	\$ 5,000.00
No-Till Drill Rental	\$ 16,000.00
SWCD RC&D Admin Asst.	\$ 2,000.00
5th Grade Field Day	\$ 2,400.00
Total	\$ 130,095.00

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Glen Edwards using No-Till Drill



Legislative District 26

Representative Steve Miller
Representative Donna Pence

- Blaine SCD
- Camas Conservation District
- Gooding SCD
- Wood River SWCD

Camas Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Camas Conservation District was organized in 1957 to help landowners lay out irrigation systems and assist ranchers with soil quality and forage information. Each year, the District...

Blaine Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Blaine Soil Conservation District was organized in 1954 to provide voluntary land conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners. From its beginning, the District has strongly supported snow survey and plant materials programs and has helped install, maintain and measure 16 snow courses that affect local rivers and streams.

Mission (or Function):

- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.
- Establish and support efforts of effective natural resource conservation in Blaine County.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Currently involved with writing a Sage Grouse management plan. It is our hopes that we can coordinate with other districts and BLM to provide land management in the event that the Sage Grouse becomes listed in 2015.
- Christmas tree sale. We purchased 25 trees to sell to the local community as a small fund raiser.
- Connected with the Blaine County School District Superintendent in an effort to re-establish the FFA and Agriculture programs back into the Blaine County School District.
- Annual tree sale.

FY 2014 District Funding:

State	
Local Govern	
District Fund	
Total District	

Blaine SCD
20484 Main St
Carey ID 83320

District Documents
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Wood River Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Wood River Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1943...

Future Plans and Projects:

- Coordinate with BLM on management due to the possible Sage Grouse listing in 2015.

November 2014 through

Gooding Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Gooding Soil Conservation District was formed in 1945 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance within the District.

Mission (or Function):

- Promote voluntary conservation through an active education and demonstration program designed for assisting cooperators.
- Establish strong, proactive District providing resource leadership and assistance with independent fund sources capable of sustaining staff and programs on a continuous basis.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Brailsford Ditch Project in Hagerman. This ditch experienced a failure in the summer of 2013, causing severe bank and field erosion.
- The Gooding SCD High Tunnel Project was completed the end of March 2014 and is ready to be tested. The District agreed to purchase 50 Rocky Mountain Juniper - seedlings - potted them in 1 gallon containers to utilize for the Trees Against the Wind Projects or possibly sell them to Wood River SWCD for to raise some money.
- The Gooding Soil Conservation District had a successful 2014 growing season as we gathered approximately 300lbs of vegetables for the Catholic Soup Kitchen and Helping Hearts and Hands. It has been a collaborative effort with Supervisors, District employee, U of I volunteer and NRCS employees to make it possible.

Future Plans and Projects:


- Host workshops, tours, and soil health demonstrations to encourage other Gooding County community members to become involved in soil health and growing local food in their communities.

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Gooding ID 83330


District Documents
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High Tunnel Greenhouse completed!



Community Garden



FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	
County Funding	\$ 18,100
Fabric Mulch	\$ 4,500
Total	\$ 22,600

- Butte SWCD
- Clark SCD
- Jefferson SWCD
- West Side SWCD
- Yellowstone SWCD



Legislative District 31

Representative Julie VanOrden

- Central Bingham SCD
- North Bingham SCD
- South Bingham SCWD

North Bingham Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The North Bingham Soil Conservation District was organized in 1945 and was active in promoting erosion and weed control and doing windbreak planting. Sprinkler irrigation increased dramatically in the 1960s and the District assisted in mainline development and installation. Most of the canal system farms in the District today

South Bingham Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

The South Bingham Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1954. The District consists of irrigated portion of the land in the area. With the exception of the American Falls area, there are few within the District.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to maintain and support a complete plant materials program through partnership with Aberdeen Plant Materials Center.
- Explore additional areas in which the Plant Materials Center and the District could expand their partnership to develop conservation materials. To accomplish this, the District will invite staff from the PMC to several Board meetings to discuss options.
- Continue to expand public outreach by continuing to support the poster contest, FFA and scholarships.

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The Plant Materials Center

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	\$ 9,695
County Funding	\$ 2,000
Lease Income	\$ 26,559
Hay/Straw Sales	\$ 15,788
Total	\$ 54,042

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Central Bingham Soil Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Central Bingham Soil Conservation District was organized in 1955 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners and users within the District boundaries. The District has traditionally carried out a vigorous information program including radio, newsletters, tours and presentations to civic groups.

Mission (or Function):

- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.
- Promote programs, implement plans and educate the public on conservation issues.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Held annual Tree Sale receiving \$33,276. The proceeds to be used throughout the year to fund outreach and educational events for school children in the county.
- Donated funds to Snake River FFA for bussing students to the 3-day Ag Days event held at Snake River High School.
- Donated trees for distribution to county 4th grade students on Arbor Day.
- Provided Environscape model to Cub Scout Troops for conservation education.



Central Bingham Tree Sale.

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funds	\$ 14,873
Local Gov't Funds	\$ 3,000
Tree Sales	\$ 33,276
Total	\$ 51,149

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Benewah Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Benewah Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1946, and boasts a large agriculture base, as well as a significant timber base. The District has introduced conservation practices such as contour and cross-slope farming, stubble mulching, strip cropping and range and pasture management.

Mission (or Function):

- Serve as a liaison bringing together state, federal and private sector's resources to solve conservation and natural resource issues.
- Assist landowners in the planning and implementation of best management practices and provide technical information to help landowners and land users make the best use of land and water resources.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Participated in DEQ Watershed Advisory Group for the St. Joe and St. Maries Rivers to assess TMDL water quality improvements.
- Provided 5th & 6th graders with soil education and demonstrations as part of Natural Resources Tour.
- Provided Benewah Co with technical assistance for 319 grant-funded Alder Creek Rd Project in St. Maries River drainage.
- Outreach to St. Joe and St. Maries River landowners regarding stream bank remediation assistance available through the district.
- Sold 4,000 tree seedlings to landowners for conservation plantings.
- Partner with Idaho Forest Owners Association on conifer seedling project.
- Participate in Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission meeting and tour in the Silver Valley.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Provide information cost-share funding pollution and soil erosion.
- Plan and apply visible designated priority.
- Provide information on existing practices through the District.

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	
County Funding	
Tree Sale Income	
Total	

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Latah Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Latah Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1940. The District works through non-regulatory mechanisms to identify conservation practices that are beneficial to resource conservation objectives of the landowner and the public.

Mission (or Function):

- Lead local efforts to promote stewardship of natural resources through development of comprehensive plans/implementation strategies through coordination of leadership, information and funding.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Corral Creek meadow restoration projects were implemented and maintained.
- Forest road improvements were installed to improve water quality and steelhead habitat within the East Fork Potlatch River watershed, in collaboration with Idaho Dept of Lands and Potlatch Forest Holdings Inc.
- Secured funding for steelhead habitat restoration project within the E. Fork Potlatch River watershed and forest management plans with private landowners.
- Floodplain and meadow restoration projects initiated on private ranches within the Big Bear Creek and Corral Creek watersheds to enhance water quality and wild steelhead habitat.
- Palouse Prairie restoration projects were implemented on private lands throughout Latah County.
- Coordinated and sponsored multiple field trips and events for local schools.
- Continued development of programs to address issues affecting the health of Palouse agricultural soils.

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	
County and Local Funding	\$ 39,256
Bonneville Power Administration	\$ 18,000
Idaho DEQ	\$ 861,094
Id Office of Species Conservation	\$ 56,025
ID Dept of Fish and Game	\$ 483,238
US Fish and Wildlife Service	\$ 5,978
Ecotrust	\$ 27,675
Palouse Water Basin Summit	\$ 80,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 6,800
Total	\$ 1,869,335

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Palouse Prairie protection and restoration.

Working with local operators to better understand soil sampling protocols and develop on-farm trials

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